



## NOAA FISHERIES SERVICE

# MEASURES APPLICABLE TO ALL NE MULTISPECIES VESSELS TRIPS AT THE END OF Fishing Year (FY) 2009

A vessel issued a NE multispecies (groundfish) permit beginning a trip in FY 2009, but ending after 00 hr May 1, 2010 (FY 2010), referred to here as a “split trip,” must comply with the following regulations:

- ❑ **Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) Declarations:** A vessel must make trip declarations through its VMS, consistent with FY 2009 regulations. However, a vessel departing on a trip after 0000 hr on May 1, 2010, must comply with the new declaration requirements under Amendment 16/Framework 44 (see page 5 of the Multispecies Permit Holder letter -- March 30, 2010 <http://www.nero.noaa.gov/nero/nr/nrdoc/10/10MultiAmend16FW44PHL.pdf>).
- ❑ **Days-At-Sea (DAS) Usage:** For trips that begin in FY 2009, but end in FY 2010, DAS will be charged according to the charging rates associated with each FY, on a pro-rated basis. For example, a vessel that declares a trip into the Southern New England (SNE)/Mid-Atlantic (MA) Differential Area on April 29, 2010, and lands on May 2, 2010, will be charged DAS according to the appropriate FY 2009 charging rate (2 DAS for every 1 DAS fished) up to 2359 hr on April 30, 2010; and according to the FY 2010 charging rate (24-hr increments) after 0000 hr on May 1, 2010, up to the time it crosses the VMS demarcation line on its return to port. This also applies to trips by sector vessels that would otherwise be exempt from DAS in FY 2010 (see Section 3 of the Multispecies Permit Holder letter for further details about DAS charges for sector trips).
- ❑ **VMS Catch Reports:** A vessel fishing a split trip in multiple Broad Stock Areas (BSAs – see page 6 of Multispecies Permit Holder Letter) does not need to submit trip-level VMS catch reports, prior to May 1. However, a vessel declaring a trip into multiple BSAs after 00 hr May 1, 2010, must submit daily VMS catch reports, consistent with FY 2010 regulations. A vessel fishing a split trip in a Special Management Program, such as the U.S. Canada Management Area, must still submit daily VMS catch reports consistent with existing regulations at 50 CFR 648.85.
- ❑ **Trip Limits:** For split trips by common pool vessels, the more restrictive possession/trip limit will apply to trips that begin in FY 2009, but end in FY 2010.  
  
Example: A common pool vessel departing on a trip prior to May 1, but landing after May 1, is subject to the 1,000 lb/DAS, up to 10,000 lb/trip, limit for pollock; the 1,000 lb/DAS, up to 10,000 lb/trip, limit for GB cod (if the vessel submits the GOM Cod Trip Limit Exemption form via VMS); and the 250 lb/DAS, up to 1,000 lb/trip, limit on CC/GOM and SNE/MA yellowtail flounder. All common pool and sector vessels are prohibited from retaining SNE winter flounder, windowpane flounder, ocean pout, and Atlantic wolffish.
- ❑ **Minimum Fish Size:** For split trips, the more restrictive minimum fish size applies. For example, a vessel departing on a trip prior to May 1, but landing after May 1, is subject to the 41” minimum size on Atlantic halibut.
- ❑ **Catch Attribution:** For split trips, all catch is counted against the FY 2010 ACL for all stocks. In addition, all catch by a sector vessel on a split trip will count towards the sector’s FY 2010 annual catch entitlement (ACE, or sector quota).

**Example:** All catch (landings and discards) by a sector vessel departing on a trip on April 28, 2010,

and landing on May 3, 2010, will be applied to the sector's FY 2010 ACE and the FY 2010 ACL for all stocks. A sector vessel on a sector trip is prohibited from discarding any legal-sized fish of allocated stocks (see page 27 of the Permit Holder Letter) after 00 hr May 1, 2010.

- ❑ **Observer Notification:** Common pool and sector vessels intending to fish a split trip are not required to make the 48-hr pre-trip notification to the Northeast Fishery Observer Program (NEFOP) prior to departing on a split trip. However, such vessels intending to start a trip after 0000 hr May 1, 2010, are required to notify NEFOP of their intent to take a trip 48 hrs prior to departing, as specified on page 5 of the permit holder letter. To prevent vessels from having to delay the start of an FY 2010 trip, the pre-trip notification system will be available prior to May 1, to allow a vessel departing May 1 to make its notification at least 48-hrs in advance. A vessel intending to fish a split trip in the U.S./Canada Management Area must still notify NEFOP 72 hrs in advance, of its intent to take a trip, consistent with existing regulations at § 648.85(a)(3)(ii)(C).
- ❑ **Sector Dockside Monitoring:** A split trip by a sector vessel will not be subject to the sector's FY 2010 dockside monitoring program. A sector vessel is not required to transmit the trip-start or trip-end hails to the sector's dockside monitoring program prior to starting, or during, a split trip. However, a sector vessel beginning a trip after 00 hr May 1, 2010, is subject to dockside monitoring and must hail its sector's dockside monitoring program.
- ❑ **Sector Exemptions:** Sector exemptions under the sector's approved operations plan and sector letter of authorization are not in effect for split trips. Sector exemptions apply only to trips that leave port after 0000 hr May 1, 2010.